Summer Education Policy Seminar for District Leaders

The Indiana State University Department of Educational Leadership in collaboration with the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents is pleased to announce the first annual EDUCATION POLICY SEMINAR. Scheduled for June 16-21, 2008 in Indianapolis and Washington, DC, its purpose is to enhance superintendent understanding of state and federal legislative processes and the regulatory environment affecting P-12 education via meetings with state and federal policy-makers as well as granting agents. Seminar participants will use the learning gained to better serve their communities and Indiana on important education policy matters such as legislative reauthorizations, tax reform, school finance, capital funding, high stakes testing, accountability initiatives, special education, teacher preparation, and school leadership among others. Key features of the seminar include:

Meetings in Indianapolis with state legislators, policy aides, and executive branch officials

Meetings in Washington, DC, with Indiana Congressional delegates, key education committee officials, and U.S. Department of Education staff

Meetings with granting officers at the U.S. Department of Education, the National Science Foundation, and others who provide grants to schools and school/university collaborations

Seminar project that includes participant-developed policy brief targeting needs of participant's home corporation

Tour of Capital Hill, Supreme Court, and White House (tentative)

The cost of the program is \$2300 to cover select meals, airfare, lodging in Washington, DC, seminar materials, and 3-credit hours through Indiana State University. Applications to participate are available at the Indiana State University Department of Educational Leadership website: http://elaf.indstate.edu/. Deadline to apply is April 21 with decision notification by May 1.

Questions may be directed to the Department of Educational Leadership at Indiana State University (<u>ELAF@indstate.edu</u>; 812-237-2900). Assistant superintendents are also eligible to apply.